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Dear Christian Colleague:

Recently we sent you a request for training proposals, which was the first funding opportunity for your organization under World Vision's new National Urban and Rural Ministry Project. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a second opportunity to obtain funding through this project.

We would like to send several representatives from your community to two national conferences: (1) one for Christian organizations that would like to learn more about church-based programs that provide affordable housing for the poor and (2) another for Christian organizations that would like to develop a job training program for those who are difficult to employ (that is, those for whom English is a second language, ex-offenders, or those who have difficulty keeping a job).

World Vision is able to pay the expenses of four people from your community to attend these events--two for each conference. These events are explained in greater detail on the accompanying sheets.

We are requiring that the two people from your area who attend each conference agree to hold a community-wide seminar shortly upon their return. Financial assistance will be available from World Vision for these seminars. The purpose of each seminar would be to share conference information and encourage other Christian organizations to develop housing or job training programs in your community.

If you or someone from your organization is interested in attending one of these conferences, please write a brief letter on your organization's stationery indicating your interest. The letter should also state your organization's willingness to co-sponsor a community-wide meeting and describe the history of your organization within the relevant area of ministry (housing or job training). The letter should be signed by the executive director of your organization or the chairperson of your governing board and sent to your local community resource person who is:

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Thank you for your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures